

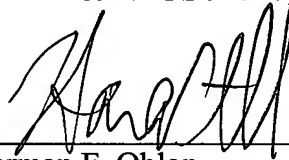
REMARKS

The rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) of Claims 1-6 and 14-16 as unpatentable over U.S. 5,723,252 (Patel et al) in view of U.S. 4,659,641 (Mahalek et al); of Claim 7 as unpatentable over Patel et al in view of U.S. 5,965,316 (Kmiecik-Lawrynowicz et al), and further in view of U.S. 4,997,739 (Tomono et al), and still further in view of Mahalek et al; and of Claim 10 as unpatentable over Patel et al in view of U.S. 5,576,393 (Yamashita et al), and further in view of Mahalek et al, are respectfully traversed.

The claimed subject matter is now limited to that recited in allowed Claims 8, 9 and 11-13. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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